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PROTESTING ALLEGED USE OF LIVE ANIMALS IN
CRASH TESTING

DEPARTMENT PLEASE PSSS DOT FOR NHTSA

1. A NUMBER OF AMERICAN HAVE RECENTLY WRITTEN TO
AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD COMPLAINING ABOUT ALLEGED NATO
EFFORTS TO RAISE MONEY FOR AUTOMOBILE CRASH TESTING
USING LIVE ANIMALS. ACCORDING TO ONE OF THE LETTERS
THIS STORY ORIGINATED IN THE FEBRUARY 1974 REPORT OF
THE SOCIETY FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS INCORPORATED. SIMILAR
LETTERS, MANY FROM THE SAME INDIVIDUALS, HAVE BEEN
RECEIVED AT NATO BY SYG LUNS, AS WELL AS THE
NETHERLANDS DELEGATION (ADDRESSED TO FORMER GON
FOREIGN MINISTER SCHMELZER IN HIS CAPACITY THEN AS
PRESIDENT OF THE NAC).

2. THE REPORT PRESUMABLY HAS TO DO WITH THE ESV
CRASH TESTING PROGRAM BEING CARRIED ON IN NATO COUNTRIES.
AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD HAS REPLIED TO THE LETTERS
DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE ESV PROGRAM AND
POINTING OUT THAT THE TESTING UNDERWAY IS THE
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RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL AUTHORITIES
AND INDUSTRY INVOLVED AND THAT WE HAVE NO INFORMATION
AT NATO AS TO ALLEGED USE OF LIVE ANIMALS, BUT THAT
NATO IS NOT "ATTEMPTING TO RAISE MONEY" FOR THE

PURPOSE OR OTHERWISE TO PROMOTE SUCH PRACTICES.
THE AMBASSADOR ALSO STATED THAT HE WOULD BRING THE
CONCERN EXPRESSED TO THE ATTENTION OF THE APPROPRIATE
AUTHORITIES IN THE US.

3. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO KNOW, WHAT, IF ANY
FOUNDATION THERE MAY BE TO THE REPORT IN QUESTION
ON USE OF LIVE ANIMALS IN CRASH TESTS. RUMSFELD

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